



## 5<sup>TH</sup> / 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INFO



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# Mrs. Acks's Classroom Newsletter

## Math 5 & Aleks Program

Fifth grade parents: the Aleks Math program is progressing nicely, however students should be putting more time in at home. Students should allow for a minimum of one hour a week to be done at home practicing math facts and/or working on their PIE topics. PLEASE NOTE: Students are able to work on their Aleks quizzes an unlimited amount of time. At the end of the quarter, the best grade they have received on the quiz will be entered on teacherease.

If there is any reason you are not able to access Aleks during the week, students should come to school at 7:45 to work on a laptop computer. Please have your student tell me which day they plan on coming to school early.

We are beginning our big unit on fractions, this week and will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide them for the next few weeks.

## Literature 6

For the next few weeks we will be continuing our novel study on *The Giver*. At the same time students should be reading books on their own. The next book report is a historical fiction genre. Students are to complete a front page newspaper using information taken from their book. This book report is due on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Spelling/Vocabulary 5&6

I am happy to say we are ahead of schedule with our Spelling and Vocabulary and have completed all third quarter work.

Lesson 28 in Spelling and Vocab Lesson 19 will begin our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter work.

## Curriculum Fair

Both English 5 and 6: This year, the Curriculum Fair will take place on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the gym. Students are required to attend to talk about their projects.

Our papers are coming along nicely and soon we will be putting together our final draft. Research, note cards, bibliography, outline, and initial drafts are now complete. I will be meeting individually with each student to discuss final revisions.

Next week students will be allowed to bring home their note cards and begin work on their curriculum boards. Boards are due on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> as we will begin class presentations on that date.



## Religion 6

In religion we are focusing on our Lenten journey. Crosses are appearing on our classroom doors and they will be filled with Lenten reminders.

We will use Resurrection Eggs to symbolize our journey. Students are practicing Silent Lunch Wednesdays as our fasting. Our almsgiving takes the form of our white sock collections for the PADS homeless guests.

In April we will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and attend the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday.

## Homework Reminders

Spelling5&6: Lesson 28 & Vocab #19 Test  
- Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

English5: Chapter 19&20 Test  
- Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

English6: Chapter 5 Test  
- Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Spelling5&6: Lesson 29 & Vocab #20 Test  
- Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Book Report due  
- Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Spelling5&6: Lesson 30 & Vocab #21 Test  
- Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum Fair Board  
- Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Classroom presentations Monday-Wednesday

Spelling5&6: No spelling or vocabulary the  
week of March 28 - April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Happy St. Patrick's  
& St. Joseph's Day!

## Reminders to Students

1. Please be sure to return overdue library books.
2. Bring in white socks for PADS homeless shelter guests.
3. Remember to return white Wednesday folders. If these are lost, parents can you please provide another envelope for you student so you continue to get important school information?

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, March 11, 2011**

Faith Family Activities

**Friday, March 18, 2011**

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Friday, March 25 & 26, 2011**

School Musical

**Monday, March 28, 2011**

Report Cards go home.  
FREE DRESS March birthdays.

**Thursday, March 31, 2011**

NO SCHOOL

Spring Conferences, by request only.

**Friday, April 1, 2011**

NO SCHOOL

**Monday, April 4, 2011**

Curriculum Fair for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders at 7 P.M.

**Friday, April 8, 2011**

6<sup>th</sup> grade Class Mass

FYI - for your information...

**PROCEDURE GRADE-** In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, parents may notice an assignment on Teacherease called PROCEDURES. At the beginning of the quarter all students were given a 10 out of 10 effort grade. Over the course of the quarter, this grade may have changed based on the student's ability to follow directions. It is my belief that by the third quarter, students should be used to my procedures and remember to follow my directions by putting names on their papers, dates, writing in cursive, proper headings, etc.

**And if they do, they will have an A+ for their procedure grade.**